



**Please look at the sites listed for meetings as we are moving meetings around in an attempt to accommodate all members of the guild.**

**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person on July 7, 2026, at 2:00 and 7:00 pm, at the Robey Memorial Library in Waukon, Iowa.** Our meetings will feature the Shop Hop Sisters also known as the Orange Ladies for their color coordinated shirts. They have taken the Iowa Shop Hop to the next level with their fun approach to covering the state's quilt shops and their organized game plan. Find out how they do it and share in the fun! A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting. Refreshments: 3:00 Bert Hass and Marge Johnson

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person on August 4, 2026, (Ila's 47th wedding anniversary!) at 2:00 and 7:00 pm, at the Robey Memorial Library in Waukon, Iowa.** This will be a virtual program. We will be given a virtual tour of the Iowa Quilt Museum Retrospective, an exhibit celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Iowa Quilt Museum. A quote from their website explains their celebration. "In 2026, the Iowa Quilt Museum will celebrate a decade of sharing the artistry, history, and heart of quilting with visitors from around the world. To mark this milestone, we are curating a special anniversary exhibition featuring quilts by artists who have exhibited with us over the past ten years. This commemorative show will offer a beautiful look back—highlighting the creativity, innovation, and craftsmanship of the many quilters who have helped shape the museum's story. From traditional to contemporary, from beloved classics to bold new visions, this exhibit will honor the makers who have filled our gallery with inspiration throughout our first decade. We look forward to celebrating this remarkable milestone with you."

There should be a quilt style to suit everyone's taste. We will have our regular business meeting after the program. Refreshments: 3:00 Betty Troendle

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**The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person on September 1, 2026, at 2:00 and 7:00 pm, at the Luana Savings Bank in Luana, Iowa.** Our program features Linda Halpin, a quilter, instructor and author from Reedsburg, Wisconsin. Linda has been quilting and teaching for 50 years as well as writing a number of quilt books. Her slide-lecture is entitled "What Scrap Quilts Have Taught Me" will explore scrap quilts, both antique and modern, and share what lessons scrap quilts have taught her. As an added bonus she will bring along more than 40 of her quilts which will be available for sale along with books and patterns she has authored. 10% of the proceeds will be donated back to the chapter. All purchases are by cash or check.

**Linda will teach the Mexican Cross Workshop the next day, September 2, from 9:00 - 3:00 pm. at the Luana Bank.** We will start with a suitcase full of large scraps and finish with a 44" square Mexican Cross quilt and a 35" square bonus quilt made from the cutaways. There will be options to change your quilt size. Information sheets will be available at the next 2 meetings. The class is limited to 16 students so sign up by August 4. Cost is \$20 for members and \$35 for nonmembers, your payment saves your spot. We hope to have a display of these quilts at our show. Refreshments: 3:00 Diane Lovestuen, Nancy Sjoka, and Leslie Sand

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## President's Notes

Hello Quilters. I hope summer is treating you well!

I want to remind you of the president's challenge for the quilt show. Make a quilt and have the proceeds go to your favorite charity. We raised over \$5000 at the last quilt show. Let's try to beat it

Keep close watch on news for the quilt show! Lots of news coming forward. Please sell your raffle

tickets. Great way to tell people about the show too!

Have a great summer

**Thanks,**

**Lynette**

## Quilt Show Report

A sense of urgency is starting to increase as we head into the final few months of preparation for the 2026 Under the Stars Quilt Show. We have started featuring the finished quilt at various events, so let us know if there's one in your area we can support. Currently the quilt is at the Iowa Quilt Museum in Winterset until July 7th when it will be returning to Decorah for the Airing Out of the Quilts. Volunteers are needed for short shifts on July 8th at the Porter House Museum where raffle tickets will be sold.

The To-Do checklist is increasing in length for members of the Quilt Show Committees. To that end, here's a few reminders of tasks you can be a part of. Please note the following tentative (to be confirmed in future emails) dates for the show set up. Scaffolding will hopefully go up on Thursday late afternoon (October 15th). There are lots of ways to help. The trailer will need to be unloaded (including the hangers for quilt installation and scaffolding). Carpet squares need to be put down to mark where scaffolding bases will be located. Bases will need to be wiped down. The various piping will need to be laid out and then erected. We hope to have the assistance of able-bodied folks so if you or someone you know can join us, it will be greatly appreciated.

Each member should have received (or will be receiving) two packets of Show Tickets that they are responsible for selling. The tickets are \$5 a piece or a packet of 5 for \$20. Marie Freerking is our ticket coordinator so please contact her with questions (563-382-4335).

Another aspect you are a part of is contributing towards the pies used at our luncheon stand. A listing will be coming out in August for sign up. An actual pie or a donation towards one will be appreciated. The donation contribution this year is \$15 and we have folks lined up to bake the pie for you. During our last show, the Village Pie Maker frozen fruit pies from Fareway were a big hit if you are looking for a way to make the task an easy one. Pies will be dropped off on Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning. No bars this year.

The checking in and hanging of the quilts will be done on Friday the 16th. This is always an all hands on deck task and again, there are lots of ways you can assist. Mike Ellingsen and Marge Johnson will be the team leading the checking in and labeling process. Sue Schulz or Bert Haas will be coordinating the hanging tasks.

A work schedule for Saturday and Sunday is underway and will be shared at the upcoming meetings. Please sign up for a two-hour shift doing any task(s) that you feel comfortable with. Jen Hertrampf is heading the canister raffle if you are invested in helping there. We will need a variety of canisters for participants to place their tickets in. Think large cottage cheese size container or bigger.

Other areas for help on the work schedule will be listed. There will be a registration table that needs to be staffed. Circulating with the quilts to ensure folks are not handling them and for answering questions is a great way to greet the attending public. And so on.

A set of donation tables will again be set up where you can place magazines, patterns or other donation items. Summer is a great time to tip toe through your quilting library and see if there are items you are ready to part with. We ask that

you consider only recent (last couple of years) magazines and patterns.

Don't forget the charity quilt silent auction area. At the last show we raised over \$4000 to support local non-profits. We will also have an area where our challenge quilts will be featured. If you are interested in helping set this area up, please let us know. Carolyn Clark can provide current info on the challenge quilts that will be displayed.

Phew! As you can see this is just the start of our to-do list. And there is a special spot for you to be a part of the guild's show. Keep watching for further details over the next several months. Sue and Bert

## **2025-2026 Challenge!**

The 2025-26 challenge quilt will celebrate the 45th anniversary of our guild. Your quilt may be any size but it must meet the following criteria.

1. It must consist of 3 layers quilted together
2. It must incorporate 45 somewhere in the design of the quilt. Suggestions include the number 45 appliquéd to the front of the quilt, quilt measurements of 45", 45 different fabrics, 45 blocks etc.
3. There is no "color" set for 45 like there is for 25 (silver). Since 45 is halfway between 40 and 50 you will include red in your design (for 40) and gold (for 50). It doesn't have to be all red and gold but at least a square inch of each or quilting in red and gold thread.

Arlene created a quilt using AI to give us an idea of a possible design. It is only a suggestion. Have fun and be creative! We will share our results at our annual meeting in May. Thanks, Ila



### **NEIQG Business Minutes May 5, 2026**

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild Annual meeting was held May 5, 2026, at 7:00 pm with 27 people attending in person and approximately 1 person attending via Zoom at Bethel Presbyterian Church in West Union. President Lynette Matter-Rose opened the evening with an invite to the delicious potluck and then welcomed members and guests to the annual meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** The April guild minutes were emailed to members and will be printed in the newsletter.

Wendy Smethurst moved the April minutes be approved; Peg Lerch seconded; minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Melodye Protsman reported the April beginning balance as \$10,592.24. The expenses included the Zoom license, EWALU retreat, hamburger for the quilt show lunch, April program and meal reimbursement, IA PBS, WI PBS and IA Quilt Museum donations, refund of bus trip deposits. Income included membership dues, show vendor fees, EWALU retreat fees, and interest deposits, for an ending balance of \$10,098.68. Bert Hass moved the April report be approved; Nancy Sojka seconded; report approved.

**Program Chair** Carolyn Clark introduced the 2026 NEIQG Program Challenge: This challenge is based on the John Wayne song- America, Why I Love Her from 1976 to help celebrate America's Quarter Millennial, semi quincentennial, BI sesquicentennial, or 250 years. The projects were shown to members and then each member filled out a paper ballot for various categories, such as best use of theme and best detail. After the voting, the members showed their project and the voting results were announced.

**Quilt Show:** Quilt Show Chair Sue Schulz announced that we have chosen the name of the raffle quilt as "Stars & Bars" and the name of our guild show is "Under the Stars". Sue showed poster ideas of the show. -Marie Freerking handed out envelopes with raffle ticket for each member to sell. Raffle tickets are now \$5

each or a 5 ticket packet for \$20. Contact Marie to turn in ticket stubs and money and get more tickets to sell. Marie Freerking 563-382-4335, call or text 421 S. Mechanic St. Decorah, IA 52101

-Our raffle quilt will be displayed at the Airing of the Quilts in Decorah. If you have a local event to show and sell raffle tickets, please contact Sue Schulz 563-608-6374 or Bert Hass 563-880-3655.

-A reminder to complete many items for the Cannister Raffle.

-The 2026 NEIQG Quilt Show will be held October 16th -18th, 2026 at the Winneshiek Fairgrounds in the Community Building in Decorah.

#### **Old Business –**

**President's Challenge** - Lynette's Challenge: I would like to challenge each one of our members to make at least one quilt project to be hung at the show for sale with a price put on the project, along with the name of the charity of your choice. Then the sale price that is put on the quilted item will be paid directly to that charity. The people that purchase the quilts will write the check directly to the charity you pick. Lynette noted that the lap size quilt was very popular last show. For additional details, please see the guild's website under President's Challenge.

#### **New Business –**

-We need a guild secretary and a program person. Sue Schulz will be the guild secretary in November, after she completes the Quilt Show Chair position. Program person will be \_\_\_\_\_

-Guild membership voted on meeting locations for the 2028 guild year: moving the monthly meeting locations or keeping them at the same location for the 2028-29 schedule. The Program Chairs have already scheduled speakers' locations for the 2027 guild year. Voting was mostly unanimous to continue with moving the monthly meeting locations at about 3 guild meetings per location.

-The board checked the by-laws and from now on, both attendees of afternoon and evening meetings will vote on guild business motions.

-The Iowa Quilt Museum in Winterset will be holding a Quilt Show on June 5-6. Our guild will be able to sell raffle tickets for our Stars & Bars Raffle Quilt during this show

#### **Up-Coming Events:**

-Next Meeting: The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person and virtually on June 2, 2026, at 2:00 and 7:00 Luana Saving Bank 100 Harvest Drive, Luana. Program is Holly Madison. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.

-At the May guild meeting, we had a sign-up sheet for members to provide afternoon and evening refreshments for meetings. Please indicate if you are providing for one or both meetings.

-Members are encouraged to show their projects at their local county fair/fairs.

-Roxi from Red Roxi Quilts will be celebrating her 70th birthday with deals at the shop in Decorah.

-A new textile exhibit is now at Luther College. Mike Ellingson 507-602-0322 said to contact him if you are interested in displaying your quilts (especially showing your America, Why I Love Her or the President Challenge) at Airing of the Quilts in Decorah.

Mike Ellingson moved the meeting be adjourned; Leslie Sand seconded; motion passed.

**Show & Tell** We had a door prize and Quiltfolk issued a custom coupon code GUILD38 for us to use on their website. The code will give you 15% off the total amount of your order -through June 30. Quiltfolk.com

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bartenhagen, Secretary

### **NEIQG Business Minutes April 7, 2026**

The Northeast Iowa Quilters' Guild meeting was held April 7, 2026, at 2:00 and 7:00 pm with 20 people attending at the afternoon meeting with approximately 3 via Zoom and with 10 people attending at the evening meeting with approximately 7 via Zoom at Bethel Presbyterian Church in West Union. Program Chair Carolyn Clark introduced the program presented by Wendy of the Happy Heifer Quilting Company in Waukon. Wendy had an introduction of her new business and various items that are available at her shop. Wendy brought her portfolio with her and had some items for purchase. She handed out coupons to use the next time you visit her shop at 606 Rossville Road, Waukon <https://www.hahequco.com/> for shop hours.

**Secretary's Report:** The March guild minutes were emailed to members and will be printed in the newsletter. Marie Freerking/Marge Johnson moved the March minutes be approved; Diane Lovstuen/Peg Lerch seconded; minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Melodye Protsman reported to the guild of the March beginning balance as \$\$10,914.78. Melodye reported expenses of the batting for the raffle quilt, March program and meal reimbursement; income of interest deposits, for an ending balance of \$10,592.24. Carolyn Clark moved the February report be approved; Arlene Klatt seconded; report approved.

-The members voted to make donations of \$125 to IA PBS, WI PBS and IA Quilt Museum.

-Current membership stands at 61.

### **Committee Reports**

**Quilt Show:** Quilt Show Chair Sue Schulz announced that we have chosen the name of the raffle quilt as "Stars & Bars" and the name of our guild show is "Under the Stars". The raffle quilt has been quilted and Sue is going to use one of Megan's procedures to bind the quilt. The committee is still deciding on the price of raffle tickets and then will have the tickets printed. The gambling license has been received. Beth Landas and Candace Arp will assemble all the ribbons for the winning entries. A reminder to complete many items for the Canister Raffle. The 2026 raffle quilt was quilted by member Roxi Thompson of Calico Carrots in Harmony, MN. The 2026 NEIQG Quilt Show will be held October 16th -18th, 2026, at the Winneshiek Fairgrounds in the Community Building in Decorah.

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### **New Business –**

-Our June guild meeting will be at the Luana Saving Bank 100 Harvest Drive, Luana. The program is Holly Madison.

-The Iowa Quilt Museum in Winterset will be holding a Quilt Show on June 5-6. Our guild will be able to sell raffle

tickets for our Stars & Bars Raffle Quilt during this show. Lynette is not able to go now; please email Lynette if you are able to sell tickets for the guild.

-Lynette has cancelled the SE Iowa bus trip in June due to insufficient numbers.

-We will vote for officers at the May meeting - We will vote on a guild secretary and a program person. Please contact a board member for questions regarding duties for the position.

-Discussion was held on guests attending via Zoom for guild meetings.

### **Up-Coming Events:**

-Next Meeting: The Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild will meet in person and virtually on May 5, 2026, at 6 pm at Bethel Presbyterian Church 208 N. Vine Street, West Union. There is parking on both the north and south sides of the church and on the street in front of the church. The officers will host a social time and pot luck meal at 6:00; with the meeting after. A Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.

-May Guild meeting – Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Annual Meeting - May 5th. Supper at 6PM; we will have our business meeting at 7:00. Historian Candace Arp will have a PowerPoint Program of the Year in Review. We will be taking membership forms, voting on officers, and voting on location of quilt meetings for May 2027 and after. The May program will be our "America, Why I Love Her" challenges revealed.

-Potluck Assignments: Membership with C-F, last names will provide desserts; last names L-P, please provide salads; last names of S-Y, please bring a hot dish, main dish, or sandwiches. Please bring your own plates, silverware, and cups/glasses. The board members will provide the beverages.

-At the May guild meeting, we will have a sign-up sheet for members to provide afternoon and evening refreshments for the following meetings.

-Schedule of meeting locations for the rest of the guild year: We will vote at the May 5th meeting on moving the monthly meetings or keeping them at the same location for the 2028 schedule.

-Future Fall and Spring Quilt Retreats – discussion was held to use the Sugar Creek Bible Camp in Ferryville, WI, on November 12th-15th, 2026, Beulaland in Elgin on October 7-10th, 2027, and EWALU Stone Center in Strawberry Point. Details will be on the guild's website and please sign up on the website.

-Roxi from Red Roxi Quilts will be celebrating her 70th birthday with deals at the shop in Decorah.

We had a door prize awarded.

Ila Benzing/Arlene Klatt moved the meeting be adjourned; Linda Johnson/Carolyn Clark seconded; motion passed.

Show & Tell      Respectfully submitted,      Martha Bartenhagen, Secretar

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